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(b) what is the rate of interest charged by Government from the Producers-*com*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies of Malabar for the financial year 1951-52?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) The total amount of interest charged by the Government on the value of food-grains supplied to the Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies of Malabar for the financial year 1951-52 is Rs. 2,92,442-10-1.

"(b) Interest at the rate of 4 per cent was charged by the Government on the value of consignments payable to them from the Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Societies of Malabar for the financial year 1951-52."

Compensation to the persons evicted at Neyveli Lignite Project site in South Arcot.

* 815 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) how many people living in slums were evicted so far at Neyveli Lignite Project site in South Arcot district, and in how many slums were they living;

(b) what are the reliefs and compensation offered to persons so evicted; and

(c) the total number of staff other than labourers employed in the project and the number of Harijans among them?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) No one was evicted so far from the Lignite Project area at Neyveli. But the residents of Thandavankuppam and Annangarankuppam, both hamlets of Gangaikondan village, evacuated themselves voluntarily in view of the concessions offered by the Government.

"(b) The following concessions were offered:—

(i) permission to cut and remove the trees standing on their lands;

(ii) grant of two palmyra trees for each family of payment of seigniorage charges in deserving cases;

(iii) permission to remove materials of the houses acquired without payment of cost in respect of owners receiving a compensation of Rs. 50 or less, and on payment of 25 per cent of their cost in respect of owners receiving a basic compensation of more than Rs. 50;

(iv) assignment of an alternative house site, at the rate of 5 cents, for a 'kacha' house and 10 cents for a 'pucca' house to each displaced family free of cost; and

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(v) payment of a loan on an *ad hoc* basis to the displaced persons subject to a maximum of 60 per cent of the probable compensation amount payable to them in respect of the sites acquired from them.

"(c) The total number of staff other than labourers employed in the Lignite Project is 105. Of them two are Harijans."

Lecturers in Arts Colleges, Training Colleges, etc.

* 816 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the posts of Lecturers in Training Colleges, District Educational Officers and Inspectresses of Schools are grouped in one unit;

(*b*) whether Assistant Lecturers in Government Arts Colleges are eligible for appointment by transfer to posts of Lecturers in Training Colleges; and

(*c*) whether Assistant Lecturers in Training Colleges are eligible for appointment by transfer to posts of Lecturers in Arts Colleges?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) & (*c*) No. But the question of amending the Special Rules for the Madras Educational Service in this regard is under consideration."

Publication of the Radio talk "Preservation of wild life in Madras."

* 817 *Q.*—SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money spent towards postage in despatching the reprints of "Preservation of wild life in Madras" a Radio talk of the Chief Conservator of Forests;

(*b*) why it was not sent by book post; and

(*c*) why mere publication of it in the "Madras Information" was not regarded as sufficient?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"(*a*) The amount of money spent so far towards despatching the reprints is Rs. 90–4–6.

"(*b*) The reprint was an enclosure to letter from the Chief Conservator of Forests and had therefore to be despatched in covers.

"(*c*) The Chief Conservator desired to secure wide publicity among both officials and non-officials on the subject. One thousand five hundred copies of the reprint were therefore ordered to be printed and supplied to the Chief Conservator of Forests for distribution among various officials, non-officials, Members of the Legislature, etc."